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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING CERAMIC FILM, METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING FERROELECTRIC CAPACITOR, CERAMIC FILM,
FERROELECTRIC CAPACITOR, AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the May 3, 2005 Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-9 and 12-28, without traverse. Additionally, Applicants respectfully elect the species of the first embodiment, without traverse. Claims 1 and 4-9 read on the elected species.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-30 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims and species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present

application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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